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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: PL 480 INDEBTEDNESS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 5982

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER REPORTED REFTEL, I
SAID I UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED MEANS TO MAKE ANOTHER
SUBSTANTIAL PAYMENT TOWARD CLEARING UP PL 480 INDEBTEDNESS
(APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS ONE MILLION, ACCORDING TO DOMINICAN
BUDGET OFFICIALS). I REVIEWED WITH HIM ONCE AGAIN THE TOTAL
OF 1976 INDEBTEDNESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD OF THE
GAME, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE ACCEPT THE DOLLARS
ONE MILLION IF THAT WAS THE BEST HE COULD DO. BALAGUER
REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO PAY DURING DECEMBER
ALL PL 480 INDEBTEDNESS THAT WILL BE DUE BY JUNE 1,
1977 AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT
HIS BUDGETARY PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD HIS WISH.

2. COMMENT: THE OUTLOOK APPEARS GOOD THAT WE WILL RECEIVE A CHECK THIS MONTH FOR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN DOLLARS 1.4 MILLION, PLACING THE GODR FIVE MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF ITS PL 480 INDEBTEDNESS - THIS WOULD BE A REFRESHING STATE OF AFFAIRS, INDEED. VERY LIKELY WE SHALL ALSO RECEIVE SHORTLY THEREAFTER A REQUEST TO PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOME EXCESS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UNDER PL 480 AS A MEANS OF EASING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SHORTAGE THAT WILL CONFRONT THE GODR DURING 1977. I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BE RESPONSIVE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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